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**FIRST TO REGISTER**—Wayne Harry Atkin, former gunner's mate in the United States Navy, is the first 25-year-old Torrance man to register with the local draft board. Mrs. Myra M. Beeman, volunteer worker, signed the South Pacific War veteran.—Herald Photo.



**REGISTRARS SWORN IN**—Before any men could register, however, many preparations had to be made by the local board, No. 117. Here J. G. Caldwell, right, board member, gives the oath to two of the local registrars—L. Milton Isbell, left, and John Steinbaugh, new principal of Torrance High School.

## Men Registering for Draft Crowd High School Lobby

After-working-hours draft registrants packed the lobby at Torrance High School Tuesday to help bring the total to 229 who had registered by noon yesterday, according to L. Milton Isbell, chief registrar.

J. G. Caldwell, chairman of the local draft board, announced that the American Standard Corporation, Columbia Steel and Ideco had consented to make arrangements to have a deputy registrar at their plants to handle employees in the 18 to 25-year-old age group who must register within the next two weeks. National Supply Company also

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## Funeral Today for Walteria Boy Fatally Hurt in Accident

Fatally hurt in a freak accident at his Walteria home last Monday evening, Stuart James, 13, will be buried at 2 o'clock this afternoon at Pacific Cemetery following brief services at the cemetery chapel.

The accident occurred in the garage at the family home, 24208 Ocean avenue. A war surplus fire extinguisher was lying on the bench and Stuart was building a rack for it. In some manner the discharge nozzle was opened wide and the escaping gas caused the 30-pound container to rocket through the air. In its gyrations it struck the boy on the head before its force was spent.

Rushed to Harbor General Hospital, attendants said the boy died a few moments afterward, according to Torrance police.



**BOOBY TRAP . . .** Police Chief John Stroh holds the empty CO-2 bottle, intended for use as a fire extinguisher, which caused fatal injuries to Stuart James of Walteria last Monday. Investigators believe it possible the 200-pound pressure indicated on outside of container may have been considerably greater on the war surplus item. Chief Stroh points to the stenciled label on the bottle.

## MODERN BUS TERMINAL IN PLANS STAGE

Plans are nearing completion and bids may be sought next week for construction of a new and modern bus terminal and restaurant building at 1311 Cabrillo avenue for James Baudin, the Herald learned yesterday.

The building will contain six rooms, with asphalt tile flooring, asphalt concrete paving for the loading ramp, fluorescent lighting, modern-type glass doors, steel sash and plate glass windows. Location of the new terminal was given as almost directly across the street from the Pacific Electric depot.

Baudin recently acquired the building site now occupied by the J. & J. Cafe and formerly by Dee's Drive-in, and is prepared to make a substantial investment, he indicated.

Facilities of the new building would be sufficient for local, municipal or transcontinental lines to utilize if they wish.

## Operations at Airport Noted by Councilmen

First-hand inspection of Torrance Municipal Airport was made last Saturday by two members of the City Council, in company with City Attorney C. Douglass Smith.

Councilman George Powell of Walteria and Councilman Nicholas Drake of North Torrance drove around the 400-acre airfield in company with Smith and noted the areas contiguous to the landing strip, which Smith says can be legally leased. Councilman Bob Haggard made a similar trip two weeks ago.

George Stevens, city engineer, said today that he hopes the proposals for a new operating agreement can be put before the council at its next meeting on Sept. 7. These proposals are expected to embody most if not all of the recommendations made in a 13-page opinion by Smith in his report to the council last week, made at the request of Councilman Al Jackson.

It is recommended: That the original contract be for no longer than 5 years, with the option of renewal at the end of that time;

That an ordinance be created enumerating the duties of the operator with respect to the public;

That such ordinance provide for compensation under this type of contract;

That a charge be based upon a percentage of the gross receipts of the operator of the airport rather than a flat rental fee, and that said ordinance should also contain a provision for renegotiation of the charges at specific intervals;

That provision for accounting and rendering of reports to the City be set forth;

That a provision for placing the responsibility for maintenance of the airport be stipulated;

That provision for the employment of personnel for the operation of the airport be made, with a stipulation that the employees shall be those of the operator;

That provision be made for

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## Weather Man Blows Foam, Admits Heat

We found the Weather Man lacking a moustache cut and wiping the foam from his whiskers as we dropped in on him to find out how hot it has been in Torrance during the last week.

Using his root beer float as a paper weight he looked at the books and came up with this:

Aug.	Maximum	Minimum
26	78	57
27	74	60
28	70	57
29	74	57
30	72	57
31	86	55

"Monday," he said, "was the hottest day since Aug. 8 a year ago when she hit 89. Looks like we got some hot ones coming though as it reached 93 at the end of September in 1946."

## Merchants Planning Carnival of Bargains With Factory Frolic

With less than two weeks to go, plans for the huge Torrance Factory Frolic and Community Fair opening Sept. 15 moved into high gear this week, with all committees working together to make the event the greatest in the city's history. Merchants were busy planning a "Carnival of Bargains" beginning Friday, Sept. 10 and extending through Saturday night, Sept. 18, to coincide with the Frolic.

Arrangements were made with a decorating company to decorate the streets with banners and streamers well in advance of the Fair's opening. Other banners will appear on city buses.

Advance sale of tickets, with a special appeal to television-minded residents and good for admission to the "Big Top" upon exchange for regular tickets, was being pushed throughout the city by the five girls who are

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## 'Miss Industry' Standings Told for First Time

Standings of the five candidates for the title of "Miss Industry" at the huge Torrance Factory Frolic and Community Fair to be held Sept. 15 to 19 were announced last night:

Tallulah Nagy—first.  
Burna Morris—second.  
D'Oro Whiting and Cubie Bohannon, tied for third place.  
Lee Walker—fourth.

Ask the girls about that \$700 television set!

## County Omits New Bonds in Schools Rate

All indications last night pointed to a reduction of around 30 cents in the total city tax rate for Torrance this year, despite a 32-cent hike in the county tax rate, as near as it could be estimated, before final action was taken by the county supervisors.

Second, it was apparent that no levy would be made this year for the school bonds voted last June 4, because the bonds had not been sold before the time expired to fix the school tax rates. Accordingly, the county auditor set the Torrance district rate at \$2.32.

The new school rate includes \$1.65 for the Torrance Unified District, 60 cents for El Camino Junior College and 7 cents for retirement of old Los Angeles School District bonds, it was computed at the office of the Board of Education.

The stiff hike in the county tax rate caused disagreement among three members of the Board of Supervisors Tuesday and final vote on the new rate was delayed until Wednesday evening. It was conceded that a reduction was possible.

Unknown here last night was the tax rate for County Sanitation District No. 5, which was 31 cents last year. But the grand total tax rate for Torrance was expected to look like this when the supervisors adjourned sometime before midnight:

Torrance City (set) ..... 1.16  
County General ..... 1.82  
School District ..... 2.32  
Sanitation District ..... .31  
Flood Control ..... .30  
Met. Water District ..... .34  
M.I.D. No. 1 ..... .25

Grand total, about ..... 6.39

Since no levy for newly-voted Torrance School bonds was set up by the county auditor, it was estimated that the levy of around 40 cents would be made next year.

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## Contract Let for Hospital

The firm of Hahn-St. John of Hawthorne has been awarded the contract for construction of the new 23-bed wing of the Torrance Memorial Hospital and work is expected to begin next week, according to Grover C. Whyte, chairman of the building committee.

Hahn-St. John was low bidder at approximately \$37,000 among the various contractors who submitted bids late last week, according to Norman Low, the architect.

The wing will consist of four new wards and will form a patio for the use of convalescents at the hospital. It will harmonize architecturally with the existing building.

## Students at High School Registering

Any student who is not registered and who plans to attend Torrance High School this fall should register as soon as possible at the high school office, according to a reminder today from Principal John Steinbaugh.

The high school office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, and counsellors are there to advise new students. Those who attended the Torrance schools last term are not required to register.

Next week will be the last opportunity to register in advance before the opening of school on Monday, Sept. 13.

## DIES FROM FALL

Ann Mary Longridge, 81, died from a fall at the Harbor General Hospital Wednesday where she had been a patient for the past several months. Services will be held at the Stone and Myers chapel Friday at 2 p.m.

## September 13 Unlucky, Men, If No 'Blues'

Men better start picking yourselves out a good-looking suit of factory garb to don the morning of Sept. 13 before you come to work, according to the "Committee on Frolic Look."

This week men all over town blossomed out in factory caps, and a supply now is available at local men's shops and at the Chamber of Commerce.

The women are asked to wear aprons — and sun bonnets if they can get them—but early reports are that bonnets are hard to find until some enterprising local group relieves the situation.

For the men who haven't acquired proper garb, there are reports that a portable hose-gow is being obtained for a good location on El Prado.

## Third 'Copter Flight Added

Pony Express days were never like this.

It is now possible to mail a letter in Torrance as late as 6 p.m. and have it delivered in Chicago the next morning, according to Postmaster C. Earl Conner.

The step-up in service has resulted from the addition of a third helicopter flight leaving Torrance at 7:35 p.m. First of the new flights was made Tuesday night.

Ten minutes after leaving the city the mail is at Los Angeles Municipal Airport where it is sorted for the various transcontinental flights leaving every few minutes from the huge air terminal.



**BACK IN '39 . . .** When Torrance held its big Factory Frolic in 1939 this is what the well-dressed Frolicker wore, as modeled by Jack Miller, now a retired Torrance business man.



**TRADING HATS FOR CAPS . . .** To get the public into the spirit of the big Factory Frolic and Community Fair this group of city officials and business men went directly to Sam Levy's from Monday noon's progress luncheon and bought factory caps. Trying them on for size are, left to right: Harry Greenwood, Police Chief John Stroh, City Engineer George Stevens, Fire Chief J. E. McMasters, Coach Eddie Cole, Recreation Director Dale Riley, William Zoller, Al Ewalt, B. T. Whitney, Homer Trueblood, Charles V. Jones and Paul Diamond.

## North, South Mail Delivery to Be Changed

The knot that has kept mail deliveries to certain Torrance residents tied up has started to unsmear, Postmaster C. Earl Conner announced yesterday.

Beginning Sept. 16 portions of North and South Torrance will be receiving rural delivery of their mail through the Torrance postoffice.

The area in North Torrance north of 173rd street and west of Crenshaw boulevard now being served by the Gardena postoffice will receive its mail directly from Torrance. The same holds true for the residents in South Torrance who live between 239th street and Sepulveda boulevard and between Western avenue and Hawthorne boulevard and who now are receiving mail from the Lomita post office.

Residents affected by the change in service will be circulated prior to the inauguration of the new policy, Conner said.

Certain other areas of Torrance will remain to be served by Gardena and Redondo Beach, Conner said, however, that he was striving to eliminate the confusion and delay in mail now existent in those areas.

## May Demand City Workers Live in City

All employees of the City of Torrance soon may be required to live within city limits, under the provisions of an ordinance prepared by City Attorney C. Douglass Smith, upon instructions from the City Council.

The new ordinance is expected to be discussed by the councilmen at the agenda session next Monday night and may come before the council in open meeting next Tuesday night.